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Convocation Honoring Seniors

*May 3, 2018
Three-thirty in the afternoon
Church of the Incarnation*

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

Procession

Invocation

Andrew Glicksman
Associate Professor of Theology

Welcome and Greetings to the Class of 2018

Jonathan J. Sanford
Provost

Deans

Sally F. Hicks, Interim Dean, Constantin College
Brett J.L. Landry, Dean, Satish & Yasmin Gupta College of Business
Theodore Whapham, Dean, Neuhoﬀ School of Ministry

Announcement of Senior Plans and Awards

David Andrews, Associate Dean, Constantin College
and Greg Bell, Associate Dean, Gupta College of Business

For the Class of 2018

Catherine Blume

Presentation of Departmental Awards

Department Representatives

Address

Andrew Moran
Associate Professor of English

Closing

Kristin Van Cleve, Director, Music
Cherie Hohertz, Dean, Cowan-Blakley Memorial Library
John Norris, Associate Provost
"Gaudeamus Igitur"

Benediction

Fr. Thomas More Barba
University Chaplain

Recession

Gaudeamus Igitur



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| 1. Gaudeamus igitur, | Juvenes dum sumus; | Post jucundam juventutem, |
| 2. Vivat academia, | Vivant professores, | Vivat membrum quodlibet, |
| 3. Alma Mater floreat, | Quae nos educavit; | Caros et commilitones, |



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| 1. Post molestant senectutem, | Nos habebit humus, | Nos habebit humus. |
| 2. Vivant membra quaelibet, | Semper sint in flore, | Semper sint in flore. |
| 3. Dissitas in regiones, | Sparsos congregavit, | Sparsos congregavit. |

translation

1. Let us rejoice, therefore, while we are young.
 Let us rejoice, therefore, while we are young.
 After pleasant youth, after bitter age,
 The earth will hold us, the earth will hold us.

2. Long live the academy, long live the professors.
 Long live the academy, long live the professors.
 Live each member, live all members.
 May they always be in bloom, may they always be in bloom.

3. Fruitful mother, may she flourish, she who has raised us.
 Fruitful mother, may she flourish, she who has raised us,
 Who had been scattered into distant regions,
 She has brought together, she has brought together.

Mace Bearer: Matthew Walz, Associate Professor, Chair, Faculty Senate

Lead Singer: John Norris, Associate Provost & Associate Professor of Theology

Pianist: Cherie Hohertz, Dean, Cowan-Blakley Memorial Library

Violinist: Kristin Van Cleve, Director, Music

Marshals: Catherine Duplant, Director, Student Activities and
 Marissa Carol Brown, Coordinator, Student Activities

Reception: Haggard Patio

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

NB: All possible departmental awards are listed though not all may be awarded each year.

Biology: Biology award for distinction in comprehensive exam

Biology annually recognizes students who have completed comprehensive exams with distinction. Achievement of distinction entails that a student does not simply demonstrate a working undergraduate knowledge in biology, but a degree of knowledge characteristic of a graduate level of understanding, evident not simply from the presentation but from the facility with which they answer questions on the comprehensive.

Chemistry: DFW American Chemical Society Award

The American Chemical Society, with 158,000 members, is the largest scientific society in the world. The Dallas-Fort Worth local section of the ACS sponsors the Outstanding Student Award which is presented to one student from each university in the D/FW area. The UD recipient must have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, been active in the UD chapter of the Student Members of the ACS, completed a significant research experience, and be planning a career in chemistry or chemical education.

Chemistry: Robert A Welch Research Award

The Welch Award is presented to graduates with distinguished research accomplishments. The Welch Foundation is one of the United States' oldest and largest private funding sources for basic chemical research. It supports fundamental chemical research at universities, colleges and other education institutions within the state of Texas. The award is given in recognition of the support provided to the Chemistry Department over the last thirty-five years. The Welch award recognizes research achievements as demonstrated by multiple summers of research, presentation of research at a professional meeting, and/or research publication.

Classics: Father Placid Csizmazia Award

The departmental award in Classics is named after the founder of the Department, Father Placid Csizmazia, one of those remarkable Cistercian monks who came over to the United States when the Soviets invaded Hungary in 1956. They formed some of the earliest faculty here at UD, bringing with them the very high standards of learning and scholarship in the best European universities, and do so now here, in part thanks to their presence. They made their mark on many departments in Constantin College—not only because of their brilliance as teachers and scholars, but also because they were examples of the virtue of charity.

None more so than Father Placid. The Classics Department names its award after him to honor his many virtues as a man, but also, because the award is an academic one, to hold him up as a high paradigm of what it means to be a teacher and a scholar. As a teacher he was without parallel. As a student himself he set an example that would be hard to follow. While Hungary was a monarchy, a medal was established, the King's Medal. The very last person to win it was Father Placid. It was awarded to the student who, from kindergarten through to the completion of the Ph.D., had never received any other grade than A. And he was indeed an extraordinary student—a linguist who knew 12 languages. You all will get to know a piece of him shortly, for when you receive your diplomas, you will be gratified to see that they are in Latin, the language of age—old academic discourse. The Latin was written by Father Placid. Those of you who can read the language will smile when you see Father Placid's humor emerge in a formal document, formal, but not without the touch of his quiet wit.

Economics: Outstanding Student Award

Every year the Economics Department recognizes an outstanding senior student based on Economics GPA and performance on the comprehensive exams, as well as any achievements that merit special attention.

Education: The Hazel McDermott Outstanding Student Teacher Award

Established in 1992, this award is reserved for an outstanding student teacher. Not presented regularly, the Hazel McDermott Award honors the student whose experience in the classroom has reflected the highest ideals in teaching. Named in honor of Dr. Hazel McDermott, professor and certification officer from 1975-1992, the award is given only when there is a student teacher of rare caliber.

Education: Teller Medal

The Teller Medal is given yearly to the outstanding major in Interdisciplinary Studies. Established by the alumni and faculty of the Department, this award is named for Professor Emeritus James D. Teller and is awarded to the outstanding student based upon scholastic achievement, leadership ability, and potential as a teacher.

English: Katherine Maren Sorensen Award

The Katherine Maren Sorensen Award recognizes one student in Literary Study II, that is, "Senior Novel," whose thesis presentation reveals him or her to be a superior reader of the novel, exhibiting in his or her reading, writing and delivery our former beloved colleague Katherine Sorensen's characteristic virtues: a precise intelligence and wit, a capacious imagination, and a humane learning.

English: Sister Frances Marie Manning Award

The Sister Frances Marie Manning Award for Excellence in Literary Study is presented each year by the English Department in honor of one of the original members of the department's faculty. Sister Manning served the university with dedication until her retirement in 1985. The award always recognizes the achievement of a student whose work and whose presence as a member of the class has been consistently outstanding throughout his or her four years at the university.

Gupta College of Business: Business Leadership Faculty Award for Outstanding Senior

The Business Leadership Faculty Award for Outstanding Senior is awarded to the student who shows outstanding academic achievement, as well as service to both the College of Business and the University.

Gupta College of Business: Robert Lynch Entrepreneurial Promise Award

The Robert Lynch Entrepreneurial Promise Award is named for the late Dr. Robert Lynch. Dr. Lynch was the founding dean of the GSM. The award is given to the student, who, like Dr. Lynch, showed an entrepreneurial spirit and a plan of action to make that vision a reality.

History: Louis J. Lekai, O. Cist., Award

Each year the Department of History acknowledges the outstanding performance in the major with a departmental award which is named in honor of a valued, former member of the University of Dallas faculty, Fr. Louis J. Lekai. A member of the Cistercian Order, Fr. Louis was one of the founding faculty

of the University of Dallas. Until forced by illness to retire late in 1981, Fr. Louis taught Modern European History. He published widely—several books and more than a hundred articles—and earned recognition as the world's foremost historian of the Cistercian Order. For those privileged to know him before his death in the summer of 1994, Fr. Louis J. Lekai represented the highest aspirations of historical scholarship and the Christian intellectual life.

HUSC: Outstanding Senior Major

The Human Sciences Award for Outstanding Senior Major is given to the Human Sciences student who has been exemplary in understanding and applying the program's interdisciplinary philosophical approach to the social and behavioral sciences, as demonstrated by his or her performance in HUSC courses and in the senior thesis.

Mathematics: Outstanding Computer Science Major

From time to time, the mathematics department honors one of our seniors as the "Outstanding Senior Computer Science Major." The student receiving this honor will not only have his or her name inscribed on a plaque prominently displayed in the mathematics department, but also is awarded a computer science book of their choice.

Mathematics: Outstanding Senior Math Major

From time to time, the mathematics department honors one of our seniors as the "Outstanding Senior Math Major." The student receiving this honor will not only have their name inscribed on a plaque prominently displayed in the mathematics department, but also is awarded a mathematics book of their choice.

Modern Languages: French Program Award

The French program award recognizes outstanding graduating seniors who throughout the course of their French studies at UD have demonstrated both academic excellence as well as a commitment to supporting French language and culture.

Modern Languages: German Program Award

The German program award recognizes outstanding graduating seniors who throughout the course of their German studies at UD have demonstrated both academic excellence as well as a commitment to supporting German culture and the German language.

Modern Languages: Italian Program Award

The Italian Program award recognizes graduating seniors who have demonstrated high academic achievement in completing an Italian Concentration and who have promoted the study of Italian language and culture at UD and in the community.

Modern Languages: Spanish Program Award

The Spanish Program award recognizes students for consistent and thoughtful work throughout their time in the Spanish Program, excellence on both their comprehensive exams and their senior theses, and overall contribution to the Spanish Program.

Modern Languages: The Alexandra Wilhelmsen Award

The Spanish Program will occasionally recognize a student for superior scholarship in our program, especially on the senior thesis. This award is given in honor of Dr. Wilhelmsen who brought intellectual rigor to the University of Dallas both as a student and professor.

Pastoral Ministry: Co-Worker's Medal

The Co-Workers award for graduating senior(s) is named for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' document Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord: A Resource for Guiding the Development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry. Presented to the student or students who demonstrate(s) excellence in the modes of formation called for in the document: Human, Spiritual, Intellectual and Pastoral. The awardee witnesses to the faith, engages in wholesome relationships, and exemplifies a theology of presence in the service of the gospel with and for the university community and the wider community. Second, the awardee manifests appropriate spiritual practices and maturity. Third, demonstrating competency in knowledge of "theology of the desk" as well as "theology of the field," the awardee possesses adequate knowledge of theological and pastoral studies. Finally, the awardee exhibits pastoral abilities, skills, attitudes and dispositions necessary for working in and reflecting on pastoral practice.

Philosophy: Father Thomas Cain Aquinas Medal

The Philosophy Department awards the Father Thomas Cain Aquinas Medal to the most accomplished student in each year's class of graduating seniors. The award is named both after St. Thomas Aquinas—the celebrated medieval philosopher and theologian who rethought the Christian tradition in light of the intellectual challenges of his day—and Father Thomas Cain, who was a humble and faithful follower of his great Dominican predecessor and confrere. Father Cain (1911-2000) taught philosophy at the University of Dallas for twenty-one years. He came to Irving to cap off a career that took him to Switzerland and the Philippines, in addition to various Dominican provinces in the United States. Father Cain also served as the first prior of the Dominican Priory of St. Albert the Great on the UD campus. He was a figure much beloved by his students, who appreciated his good heart and sense of humor. Father Cain was also connected with a sad and significant aspect of American history: in 1963, he anointed President John F. Kennedy after his tragic shooting.

Philosophy & Letters: The Very Reverend Thomas M. Cumiskey, O. P. Memorial Award for Excellence in Philosophy and Letters

The Very Reverend Thomas M. Cumiskey, O.P. Memorial Award for Excellence in Philosophy & Letters (i.e., the Cumiskey Award) is given to a graduating PHL student who has at least a 3.7 GPA at the end of his penultimate semester. In the event that more than one student meets the requirements, the student with the higher GPA earns the award. In addition to having a 3.7 GPA, the Cumiskey Award winner must pass his thesis "with distinction," a designation noted on the form for reporting comprehensive outcomes and noted on the transcript.

The award is named for the late, much-beloved member of the University of Dallas community and Rector of Holy Trinity Seminary from 1989 to 1996. During that time Fr. Thomas Cumiskey directed his great heart and Dominican values to the task of diocesan priestly formation. Inspired by his example, the Philosophy & Letters program remains committed to academic excellence as indispensable preparation for a life of service to the people of God.

The student who receives this award demonstrates the highest level of performance in the classroom, produces a senior thesis of superior merit, and thereby passes comprehensives with distinction. Philosophy & Letters majors who achieve this level of academic success are the more remarkable because they do so in addition to the meeting the requirements of their seminary duties with regard to human, spiritual, and spiritual formation.

Physics: Monostori Award

The Monostori Award is given to an outstanding student majoring in physics who has conducted research, presented a paper on the research at a meeting of the Texas Section of the American Physical Society, and plans to pursue graduate studies in physics. The award is in honor of Fr. Benedict Monostori, a Cistercian monk and a founding father of the University. Fr. Benedict was an exacting teacher who insisted on the highest qualities of a scientist: rigor, patience, and precision of thought.

Physics: Joe Oscar Neuhoff Physics and Astronomy Award

The Joe Oscar Neuhoff Award is given to a student majoring in physics who has completed an outstanding undergraduate research thesis in physics or astronomy. The award is in honor of Mr. Joe Oscar Neuhoff, a long time University of Dallas Board of Trustees member and strong supporter of physics and astronomy research at the University of Dallas.

Politics: Willmoore Kendall Award

The Willmoore Kendall Award in Politics is not an annual award, but is only given when the Politics Department considers a senior student's overall performance in the major to be so outstanding as to merit special recognition. The Kendall Award has been given by the Department since 1978. The winner receives a personalized plaque in recognition of the award, and his name is engraved on a plaque prominently displayed in the Politics Department. From 1963 until his death in 1967 Professor Kendall was chairman of the (then) Politics and Economics Department at the University of Dallas. Professor Kendall fulfilled in his person the twin goals of the UD Politics Department. A profound student of political philosophy, he was at the same time a vigorous and influential participant in the debates that shaped contemporary politics.

Psychology: Adrian Van Kaam Award

The Psychology Department's award for outstanding graduating senior is named for Father Adrian Van Kaam, a Catholic priest whose understanding of the dynamics of spirituality was formed as he smuggled food to Jews in hiding during the Nazi occupation of Holland. In 1954, he answered what he believed was a call to teach faith formation at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Instead, he was assigned to replace a deceased psychology professor. When he protested that he had no psychology degree, he was sent to get one, studying under giants such as Carl Rogers and Erik Erikson. He went on to become one of the founding fathers of the existential phenomenological movement in psychology in the US at Duquesne. The Van Kaam Award is presented to a senior psychology major in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and service to the department and the broader community. This award takes into account the student's body of work within the Psychology and UD curricula and the student's involvement with the activities and projects of the psychology department. It consists of a medal and permanent enshrinement in the department office on a plaque bearing the names of all van Kaam awardees.

Theology: Fr. David Balas Outstanding Senior Award in Theology

On an annual basis, the department of theology acknowledges an outstanding senior in the major with an award named after Fr. David Balas, who began his teaching career at UD in 1959. A member of the Cistercian order, Fr. David taught and chaired in the department during a span of over 50 years until his retirement in 2010. Fr. David's influence on the department and its curricula is deep, and includes his work of establishing the theology major at the University in 1967. Fr David exemplified the highest ideals of a life committed to theological learning and teaching.